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New Lagoon System

Sewage Bonds Sold by City

At a special meeting of the Grayling City Council last Wednesday night, a \$210,000 bond issue to help finance construction of a new sewage disposal system for the city was sold to Kenover, MacArthur and Co. of Detroit.

The bid for the bonds by the Detroit firm was submitted thru the Grayling State Bank, and was the only one submitted, according to William Valusek, city manager.

The bond issue will run for 25 years at an interest rate of 6.57 per cent. Sale of the bonds was approved by Grayling voters in August.

Valusek said the total cost of the sewage disposal system will run very close to \$400,000. The city has commitments for state and federal funds to pay for the rest of the project, Valusek added.

At a Tuesday night special meeting of the council, a combined bid for \$355,999.75 submitted by D and L Contractors of Traverse City and T. A. Forsberg of Lansing was the apparent lowest bid submitted for the construction contract for the system.

The bids are being reviewed by Richards, Findorff and Richards, Traverse City Consulting engineers, the city manager said.

Other bidders were: Akron Construction Co., of Belleville, \$358,589; Schworm Inc., of Traverse City, \$360,781.50; and Steadman Co., of Bay City, for the pipe only, \$224,318.75. Valusek stated the Steadman bid was not acceptable because it did not cover the whole project.

Construction of the disposal system is scheduled to start early next year, with comple-

tion expected by the end of the summer, Valusek said.

The project will call for modifications to the existing sewage lift station on Maple St., installing 8,000 feet of 10-inch force main pipe, construction of the lagoon and leaching beds and installation of the mechanical aeration equipment.

The lagoons will be located on a 60-acre site about a mile south of the city. When the new system is in operation, the existing sewage disposal plant which dumps effluent in the AuSable River will be closed.

There will be no effluent entering the river system from the new lagoon system, Valusek stated.

E. J. Moon Joins Bear Archery



The appointment of Ernest J. Moon as Cost Accountant at Bear Archery has been announced by Fred Bear, Company President.

Moon, 36, comes to Bear from Detroit where for the past three years he had been Plant Controller for Silvercup Bakers, Inc. Prior to that time he occupied the same position for eight years at the Toledo, Ohio plant of American Bakeries.

A graduate of Flint's Herbert Hoover High School, he attended the University of Michigan in Flint where he majored in accounting.

His work at Bear will include work in all phases of cost accounting, including evaluation of the costs of the several hundred products made by the company. "We are fortunate to have a man of Mr. Moon's experience move to Grayling," said Mr. Bear, in announcing the appointment. "The growth of our business has for sometime indicated the need for expansion of our Accounting Department."

Moon, his wife Helen, and their children Deborah, 15, Steve, 13, and Doug, 11 have vacationed in the Grayling area for many years. "When the opportunity came to live in Crawford County, I didn't think about it too long," he said. The Moons are presently living in the East Branch Estates.

No snowmobiles will be allowed on county roads without head and tail lights. They cannot exceed a speed of 20 miles per hour, and must remain to the extreme right side of plowed shoulder of roads.

Drivers must give way to all pedestrians and obey all road signs and local, county and state traffic laws for motor vehicles, in addition to those specifically spelled out in the ordinance. They are required to wear helmets of the type required for motorcycle operators.

The ordinance prohibits entry on private property without permission of the owner, with triple damages being assessed for damage to private property, including trees.

Snowmobiles are prohibited from operating in any cemeteries and all public parks, except Frederic village park, the public lands provisions state.

Post Office Notice

Postmaster James Post announced this week that there will be no mail deliveries in the city, rural or star routes on Saturday, Dec. 26. However, the post office window service will be open the normal hours of 8:00 a.m. until 12:00 noon.

Mrs. Nancy Anderson, third grade teacher at Grayling Elementary School is a resident of Houghton Lake, Mich. Mrs. Anderson came to the area last spring from St. Charles, Mo. where she taught school. Prior to her year in St. Charles, she taught on an Indian Reservation in Red Lake, Minn.

A graduate of Bimblegi State College in Bimblegi, Minn., Mrs. Anderson lists her hometown as International Falls, Minn.

Fluoridation Program For City Water

District Health Department No. 1 announced today that the City of Grayling has instituted a water fluoridation program. The health department has recommended this program for several years and the Water Supply Section of the Michigan Department of Public Health has approved the procedure from an engineering standpoint.

Fluoridation is the upward adjustment of the fluoride content of public drinking water which is deficient in natural fluorides. This practice is the most effective, safest and simplest means of reducing tooth decay in children. The practice is endorsed by the American Dental Association, the American Medical Association, the American Public Health Association and a long list of other authorities.

Persons who have city water and are taking any form of fluoride supplements such as vitamins with fluoride should discuss this matter with their dentist. The Health Department will announce recommended policies related to topical applications of fluorides prior to their program next summer.

Jack Hummel Killed in Accident

Word has been received by the Stanley Hummels of the death of their son, Jack Hummel, of Bonners Ferry, Idaho on Saturday, Dec. 19th. Jack was driving a grain truck between Arkansas and Idaho, and tipped over in Oklahoma, being crushed beneath the truck. Mr. and Mrs. Hummel flew from Clawson Monday to attend the funeral services scheduled for this Wednesday.

Jack was born in Maple Forest 39 years ago. His wife Fay and three children survive him, as well as four brothers, Stanley Jr. of Georgia, Roland of Clawson, Alfred of Washington, D.C., and Frances of Detroit, Mt. Pleasant.

Crawford County Welcomes All Snow Lovers for the Holidays

Snowmobilers, skiers, and ice fishermen will all be welcome for the Christmas Holidays in Crawford County.

Setting the pace for the winter New Year's Weekend Snowmo-

Zoning Meeting

There will be a regular meet-

ing of the Crawford County In-

terior Zoning Board on Monday,

Dec. 28, 1970 at 7:30 p.m. in

the County Building at Grayling.

This will be a rehearing on the

proposed zoning change to C2 on

the corner Whitepine Drive and

M-76.

William J. DeWitt, Sec.

What - Where - When

Veterans Representative Earl Langley will be in the Court

House the 2nd Wednesday of

each month from 9:30 until 7:

Tuesdays at 7:00, Duplicate

Bridge games, basement meet-

ing room, Crawford County

Bldg.

Crawford Grange business meet-

ings are the second Monday of

each month at the Woman's

Club building.

Crawford Grange social meeting,

the 4th Monday of each month

at Woman's Club building.

Friends welcome.

First Tuesday of month: reor-

ganized Lovells Hook and

Trigger Club meeting.

Dec. 23: Grayling Trailmasters

meeting, 7:30 p.m. at Wertz's

Lone Pine Inn.

Jan. 4: Grayling Woman's Club,

at the clubhouse.

Jan. 4: R.L.D.S. Zioners meet

at Jay Dotys, 6:00 p.m.

Jan. 9: R.L.D.S. Bake Sale at

D & P Pizza from 10 a.m.

until?

Jan. 19: A. B. W. A. meeting,

Wertz's Lone Pine Inn, 6:30 p.m.

Jan. 20: R.L.D.S. Zioners snow-

mobile party at Bernie Fowl-

ers.

We wish each one a Murry

Christmas and a very happy

New Year.

The Sweet Adelines were our

guests and entertained us with

some of their lovely songs of

inspiration, which was greatly

enjoyed by all. We very much

appreciate their coming. We had

many other guests also. Gift ex-

change and card playing round-

out a very pleasant evening.

If you know of anyone who is

ill please call Mrs. Ann Legner.

We do not want any Silver Top

senior citizen to be alone for

New Years Eve. Please call

Shirley Arnold, 348-9337, for in-

formation.

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Christmas and a very happy

New Year.

Ruby Reetz, Sec'y

New Lunch Program At High School

The possibility seems very strong that starting January 4, 1971 the Junior and Senior High School will be back on a regular schedule with classes running from 9 a.m. until 2:30 p.m.

The lunch schedule will be split up into 3, 25 minute shifts.

This will be necessary to have sufficient time to feed the 800 plus students at Grayling High School.

The lunch program will consist of a hot sandwich program operated in the kitchen of the gym. Students will be permitted to bring a sack lunch. Milk, potato chips and candy bars will also be sold by the Senior class.

Students will not be permitted to leave the school premises during the 25 minute lunch break. The school grounds will be operated as closed campus situation. Students who leave the school grounds will be subject to the same disciplinary action as those who skip school.

Since the return to the normal schedule is dependent upon the completion of the new facilities, students will be asked to listen to WGRT Radio Station on Saturday and Sunday, Jan. 3 and 4, for information about when to attend school.

Support from the area basket-

ball fans will be appreciated, espe-

cially by the prospective stu-

dents to benefit from the schol-

arship monies.

A more complete schedule will

be released at a later date.

Recount Ballots In County District 2

Earl H. Longworth (R) gained three votes over John Horton (D), according to a recount of the November balloting for the office of county commissioner in district 2. The recount was conducted by the county canvassing board Monday.

The board re-certified Long-

worth's election. The final to-

als were Longworth 182 and

Horton 166. The recount tallied

so closely with the original count

that it is considered a tribute to

the efficiency of the election of

officials in Grayling and Lovells

towships.

Both men and women are in-

vited. Prizes will be awarded.

The minimum charge will be

\$1 but any amount will be wel-

comed.

The party is being sponsored

by the Wednesday afternoon

bridge group that plays regu-

larly at the parish house for the

benefit of the Episcopal Church.

For reservations, please call Gladys Munford, 348-9431.

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Counties included are Craw-

ford, Clare, Gladwin, Missaukee,

Mont

GREETINGS

During Christmastime we extend to all our neighbors and friends warmest wishes for a wonderful holiday.

STARK'S MARATHON SERVICE



Hope you and your family share an old-fashioned Christmas decked with friendship, fellowship, festivity.

We Wish All of You

A Very Merry Christmas
from the Residents, Management and Owners at
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North Down River Road
Grayling

Have a Ball this New Year's Eve!
American Legion
NEW YEAR'S EVE PARTY

TICKETS WILL BE AVAILABLE TO MEMBERS ONLY THRU DEC. 27—Any tickets remaining will be sold to the general public

TICKETS ARE NOW AVAILABLE AT THE LEGION BAR OR FROM THE EXECUTIVE OFFICERS.

Bar Will Be Closed to the Public at 6:00 p.m.
December 31st

RESERVE NOW for a Joyous NEW YEAR.

Joyous Wishes

The magical season of Christmas is here... joy and happiness to all.

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Area Boy Scouts Plan Major Environmental Program for 1971

A task force of 4,200 area Boy Scouts has set its sights on environmental improvement as a major good turn for 1971.

Project SOAR (Save Our American Resources) will involve scouts from the seven counties of the Paul Bunyan Council. And on a national scale some five million scouts will join the program.

"We already have reports of dozens of projects planned in our areas," said Arthur E. Henry, scout executive. "They range from a deer habitat census in the Roscommon area to building a nature trail near Delta College."

Advising the local scouts is a broad-range group of environmental specialists from industry, education and government, including the Michigan Department of Natural Resources and the Michigan United Conservation Clubs.

"Basically, Project SOAR is an educational process for the boys, their parents and the community," said Norman R. Peterson, of Midland, chairman of the advisory committee. "But we expect to see a great deal of practical benefit result from the boys' work."

Peterson invited clubs, scouts and explorers who want to get involved to see their local scout executives. The headquarters at 402 East Ellsworth in Midland, covers activities of scouts in Luce, Ogemaw, Roscommon, Crawford, Arenac, Gladwin and Midland counties. There also are district offices in West Branch and Gladwin.

Choice of specific projects is up to council's 47 cub packs, 61 scout troops and 22 explorer posts. Idea lists are being distributed to leaders and several special training sessions have been conducted this month to prepare for 1971.

BITS O' TALK

Mr. and Mrs. David McEvers of Bloomfield Hills arrived on Friday to spend until Christmas with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ted McEvers. Roger is home from Michigan State for the holidays also.

A family get-together is being planned to be held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Gerald McEvers on Christmas Eve. Those expected to attend are Mr. and Mrs. Ted McEvers and family, Mr. and Mrs. David McEvers, Mr. and Mrs. Roy McEvers and Mr. and Mrs. Bob Niederer of Houghton Lake and families, and of course the host and hostess, Mr. and Mrs. Gerald McEvers.

Rita McEvers and daughter spent the past Sunday in Bay City visiting with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Loks.

Mrs. Amelia Cobb and son, Jack of Midland called on Mrs. Mattie Lowe one day last week. Mattie is expecting her son Mr. and Mrs. William Lowe and family of Bay City up for Christmas. Also her grandson, Mr. and Mrs. Leon Lowe of Ann Arbor.

Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Schofield are expected Christmas guests at the home of his mother, Mrs. John Schofield, and sister, Linda. Mr. and Mrs. Jack Schofield and family of Beaverton are expected to spend Christmas at the home of their respective parents, Mrs. John Schofield and Mr. and Mrs. Arthur J. Wakeley.

Mr. and Mrs. Lee Nolan and family of Grand Ledge plan on spending Christmas with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jess Sales.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Bryan plan on spending the Christmas weekend with their daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Buddy Dodge of Lansing.

Mr. and Mrs. Alton Gehringer of Brighton arrived last Wednesday to spend a few days visiting his sister and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Hoerl.

Mrs. Howard Benedict returned home last Wednesday after spending a few days in Pontiac visiting her daughter, Mrs. Richard Vore and family. Mrs. Benedict and boys planned on going to Sandusky, Ohio, to spend Christmas with another daughter, Mickey Kellogg and family.

Candy Henig arrived home from Indiana on Friday to spend the holidays with her parents. Gretchen was expected to arrive home Sunday, from Indiana also. Other guests at the home of Dr. and Mrs. B. E. Henig for Christmas and about a week are Mrs. Henig's parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Farrington of Lansing. They expect Don and Jan Sawyer of Newfoundland to spend Christmas day and the following week with them.

Vickie and Brad Sheer arrived home from Central to spend the holidays with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Scheer. Vickie expected her friend, Rick Sadelier of Flint to come up for the weekend of Dec. 26.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard DuBois spent Saturday and Sunday visiting the S. E. DuBoises of Birmingham and Mr. and Mrs. Dick Woehren in Berkley. They were to meet Gary and Steve there and on Monday left to fly to Fort Lauderdale, Fla., to visit Dick's aunt and uncle, Mr. and Mrs. Vern Fox. They planned to return home on December 27.

Visitors at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Houli for Christmas are their daughter Chris Merithew and daughters of Bay City, and Mr. and Mrs. John Walker and daughter Jami of Parma, Ohio. They expected the Walkers to spend about a week with them.



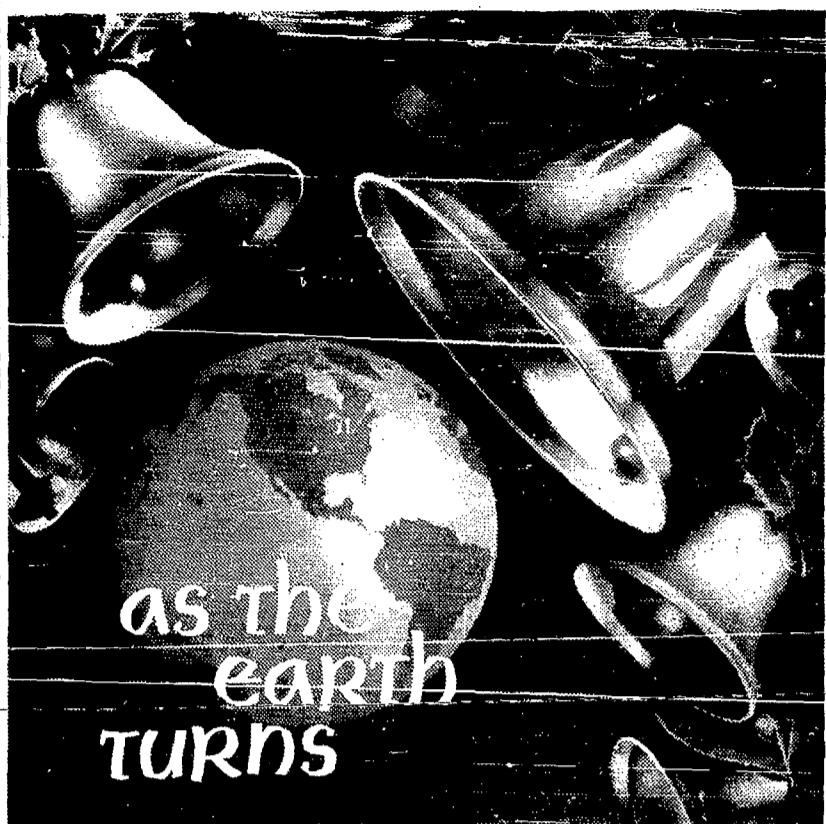
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Attend The Church Of Your Choice



As bells ring and horns blow, a new year dawns around the world. In every land men celebrate its coming, variously, according to tradition.

One custom seems almost universal... an assessment, a review of the past year and the resolution to do better — in one's vocation, in one's attitude toward family and neighbor.

What is this spark that

makes men seek a higher place? It is the yearning that set the Wise Men's feet to follow a star, the longing of the multitudes that thronged the hills of Galilee to hear the words of Jesus, the thirst of every man to know God's presence in his life.

In this age of chaos and confusion there is no better resolution than to attend our churches where wisdom and compassion are taught.



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Sunday School 10:00 a.m.
Worship Service 11 a.m.
Evening Service 7:30 p.m.
Youth Service 6:30 p.m.
Prayer meetings, Thursday, 7:30 p.m.

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Sunday Masses at 6:30, 8:30 a.m.
Week days at 8:00 a.m.
Holy Days 6:30, and 8:45 a.m.
and 5:30 p.m.
Saturdays at 5:00 and 7:00 p.m.
Confessions
Saturday 4 to 5 p.m. only.

Frederick Church of God
Rev. Paul Aumiller, Pastor
Sunday School 10 a.m.
Worship Service 11 a.m.
Evening Service 7:30 p.m.
Youth Service 6:30 p.m.
Prayer meetings, Thursday, 7:30 p.m.

Reorganized Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints
Corner Plum and Smith St.
Pastor, Norval Stephen
Church School 10:00 a.m.
Preaching 11 a.m. and 7:30 p.m.
Midweek Service, Prayer 7:30 p.m.

LOVELLS CHAPEL
Rev. Lewis Goslow
Sunday School 10:00 a.m.
Chapel Service 11 a.m.

Christ Missionary Church
Minister H. Hennig
4 miles East of Frederick on County Road 612
Sunday School, 10:30-11:45 a.m.
Bible Study Wednesday and Preaching Sunday evening, 7:30 p.m.

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501 Michigan Ave.
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Worship Services 11 a.m.
Sunday School 9:30 a.m.

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Pastor Watson Bilger

Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Worship Service 11 a.m.
Youth Service 6 p.m.
Evangelistic worship 7:30 p.m.
Mid-Week Services
Prayer and Bible Class Wednesday, 7:30 p.m.

St. Francis' Episcopal Church
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Sunday —
Holy Communion 8 a.m.
Morning Prayer 11 a.m.
2nd and 4th Sundays.
Holy Communion 11 a.m.
1st and 3rd Sundays.
Church School and Supervised Nursery, 11 a.m.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
FREDERIC
Rev. Claire Olin

Sunday —
Bible School 9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship 11 a.m.
Young People 6:30 p.m.
Evening Service 7:30 p.m.
Wednesday — Prayer & Bible Study, 7:30 p.m.

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Worship Service 11:15 a.m.
Evening Service 7:30 p.m.
Prayer Meeting Wednesday evening, 7:00 p.m.

SEVENTH DAY ADVENTIST
Services held on Saturday in Gaylord S.D.A. Church, 206 Fifth Street.

Sabbath School 9:45 a.m.
Church Service 11 a.m.
Prayer Meeting, Wednesday, 7:30 p.m.
You are welcome. For information call Alva Stephan 348-3657. Services also held at Camp AuSable during summer season and when the camp is occupied. Call 348-5491. Pastor, Jess Nephew.

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206 Fifth St.
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Rev. Clifford Moirar
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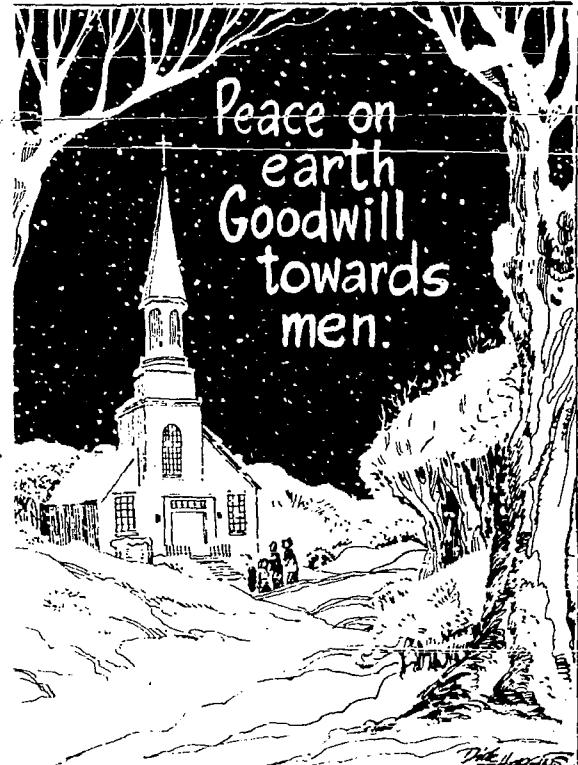
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CHRISTMAS 1970

The essence of the Christmas spirit is in the words: Peace on Earth, Goodwill Towards Men. Around this simple premise, Christian and non-Christian may join and make this season one of united purpose. Peace and Goodwill summarize our hopes and aspirations for all of the world.

Hopefully, the recent beginnings toward peace in our troubled world will be recorded in history as actions which led to an end of the shooting and the beginning of accord.

As for Goodwill, the deviousness of the election campaign and the civil disorders of the past months have not brought us together. All rational men must seek workable alternatives which preserve the dignity of man and recognize that the public sense of right and wrong cannot be ignored.

Mutual tolerance and understanding can be Man-kind's greatest Christmas gift to itself.



Christmas Greetings

To the happy tempo of jingling bells,
we sing out a cheery "Merry Christmas" to all.

Best wishes for a season filled with good health and
good fortune. Warm thanks for your loyalty.

Arrowhead Inn

Interesting Events In Grayling 23 Years Ago

INTERESTING ITEMS OF NEWS GATHERED FROM THE FILES OF THE AVALANCHE OF 23 YEARS AGO

December 25, 1947

Congratulations are in order for Mrs. Matilda Foley Bishop, who has been chosen by the Troop Information and Education Division of the War Department at Washington, D.C. to teach American soldiers in Japan.

Beginning February 1, the Conservation Department is shifting responsibility for field activities from its office in Lansing to regional offices in Marquette, Roscommon and Jackson.

The Grayling Legion Post 106, with the able assistance of the roly poly, white-bearded gentleman known as Santa Claus, Saint Nick, Saint Nicholas and a variety of other cognomens, played host to the children of Grayling and Crawford County on Monday afternoon at the Legion Hall.

The wedding ceremony of Miss Joyce Irene Wardell, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Wardell, Lansing and William C. Sorenson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Sorenson of Grayling, was performed by Karl Krauss at 7 p.m. Saturday in Emmanuel First Lutheran Church in Lansing.

The Guy Kelloggs of Saginaw will spend Christmas with her parents, the A. D. Lengs.

Duke, the beautiful Great Dane dog of Lyle Dunckley's has been missing for almost a week. Fear that he has been killed. He is missed greatly by people here who liked him very much.

Mr. and Mrs. William Tufts (Pauline Schoonover) have moved into their newly constructed home on the Manistee River.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Hendrickson and son, Alfred, motored to Houston, Texas, to spend Christmas with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. MacDonald.

Mr. and Mrs. Lyle Billsby are spending Christmas with his parents, at Shepherd.

Mr. and Mrs. LeRoy Christian and daughter, Jacqueline, left Friday night for Phoenixville, Pa., to spend the holidays visiting Mrs. Christian's mother.

Captain and Mrs. Clyde Borchers and son, Billy, arrived Thursday morning from Great Falls, Mont., to spend the holidays. They are enroute to Florida.

Mr. and Mrs. George Griffith recently returned from spending ten days visiting friends in Fort Wayne, Ind.

Miss Caroline Nelson is home from U. of M. to spend the holidays with her parents, the A. J. Nelsons.

Dr. and Mrs. Dwight Stiles and three daughters of Dayton, Ohio, Mr. and Mrs. John Derrickson and two daughters of Muskegon and Mr. and Mrs. Robert Bernard and two daughters of Pontiac expect to spend Christmas with the ladies parents, Dr. and Mrs. R. A. VanVleck.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Wade are in Toledo, Ohio to spend the holidays with their daughter and family.

The James Bakers (Joan Bishop) of Bluffton, Ind., are here to spend Christmas with her parents, the Fred Bishaws.

Mrs. Van Smith opened her home at Lake Margrethe to Home Extension Group III for their second annual Christmas party Monday evening. It was a potluck dinner and the table was lovely in the Christmas colors with a decorated yule log holding lighted tapers for the centerpiece and miniature yule logs and tapers marking each place. After dinner gifts were exchanged and the remainder of the evening spent playing bridge and pinocchio.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Olson celebrated their 30th wedding anniversary Saturday. The Robert Feldhausers were their supper guests that evening for the occasion.

Home Extension Club I met with Mrs. Ed Feldhauser last

Thursday afternoon. Plans were made for the community Christmas party. Groups 1 and 2 agreed to share the responsibilities of this holiday event.

Rev. and Mrs. R. C. Puffer expect to visit his mother and step-father, Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Sebring and sister, Miss Emma in Evart during the Christmas season.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Freeman of Gagetown are spending the holidays with their daughter and family, the Willard Cornells.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Ingalls and sister, Monala Ingalls of Flint spent from Saturday until Monday at the home of Clarence and Monala's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Cholo.

Tuesday evening of last week Miss Pat Stephan was hostess to a farewell dinner party given in honor of Melvin Marshall, Jr., who left for the Army Thursday.

There were fourteen young people seated at the table that was decorated with a centerpiece of evergreen and red tapers.

Miss Greta Rasmussen invited in a number of her girl friends Saturday in celebration of her twelfth birthday, which fell on December 24. Beatrice Quinn, Joan Andrews and Sally Bishaw won prizes in the contest.

Nancy Papenfus spent the weekend with her cousin, Lou Ann McEvans, at Lake Margrethe.

Stanley Hummel received a sweepstakes ribbon, having been

named the champion of the premier table stock growers show. He won with a yield of 535 bushels of potatoes per acre with no irrigation.

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46 YEARS AGO —

December 25, 1924

Miss Ruth Ryan of Petoskey is a guest of her sister, Mrs. A. J. Joseph and family.

Among those home from schools to spend the holidays with their parents are Eleanore Schumann, Beulah Collen, Ruth McCullough, Fred Edwards, Rosemary Mahoney and Herman Hanson.

Moscow, George Tchitcherin, the Soviet Minister of foreign affairs, December 11, sent a caustic note to Secretary of State Hughes at Washington, complaining that the United States Coast Guard vessel Bear, in 1920 had committed an act which constituted a gross violation of international law and of the sovereignty of the Soviet Republic. The note added that a similar "lawless act" would be sternly repressed by the Soviet Government. The complaint of the Soviet Government was that the Bear had affixed a brass plate to a rock on the Chukotk Peninsula in Emma Bay, Cape Pusino, in Siberia near Bering Straits bearing the inscription "United States Geodetic Magnetic Station." The plate, which was discovered by the Soviet authorities bears the warning "For disturbing this plate \$250 fine or imprisonment."

Ernest and Lester Olson are home from Detroit to remain over the holidays.

Mrs. Martha McMasters is spending the holidays in Bay City visiting relatives.

Russell Robertson left Tuesday to visit over Christmas at the home of his sister, Mrs. Arthur Anderson.

Elmer Fenton, who has been in Alma the past few months, returned to Grayling Saturday, expecting to remain here.

Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Williams are enjoying a visit from their daughter and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Bowen of Martin over the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Creque and children of Flint are expected to arrive Saturday to spend a few days visiting Mrs. Creque's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Rasmus Rasmussen.

A. B. Failing, who is employed at the T. E. Douglas store in Lovells left Sunday night for Dayton, Ohio, to spend the holidays with his daughter, Miss Francilia Failing, who is attending school in that city and making her home with her aunt, Mrs. A. H. Weltz.

Sen. Hart Acts To Block AuSable Manistee Development

WASHINGTON—Senator Philip A. Hart (D-Mich.) today introduced a bill to stop development temporarily on scenic sections of Michigan's AuSable and Manistee Rivers.

The sections affected would be:

The AuSable, downstream from Foot Dam to Oscoda; and upstream from Loud Reservoir to the source of the river, including the principal tributaries but excluding Mio and Bamfield reservoirs.

The Manistee, from Manistee Lake, upstream to its source, including its principal tributaries but excluding Tippecanoe and Hodenpyl Reservoirs.

Hart's bill would add those sections to a national list of 27 rivers under study for possible addition to the national wild and scenic rivers system. Michigan's Pere Marquette is one of the 27.

Development is prohibited while the river is under study. If it is determined that a river should be protected permanently, additional legislation is required to add it to the wild rivers system.

Hart said that he introduced the bill because of reports that stretches of wild shoreline of the rivers were being sold or leased.

He added that the Departments of Interior and Agriculture, which administer the wild rivers program, had indicated interest in the Michigan rivers.

Hart reported that Walter J. Hickel, before he was dismissed as Secretary of the Interior, expressed support of the bill.

Hickel wrote Hart that introduction of the bill would "afford them (the rivers) some degree of protection and would encourage the Consumers Power Company to discontinue further leasing of its lands and perhaps gradually to phase out existing leases."

Consumers owns much of the rivers' remaining wild shorelines.

Hart explained that he introduced the bill this late in the session with the hope of accomplishing the results suggested by Hickel.

He went on to say that he would re-introduce the bill next year and push for early consideration.

"Because the rivers flow through national forests as well as state-owned and privately-held land, a coordinated state-federal effort is needed if the scenic portions of these rivers are to be preserved," he said.

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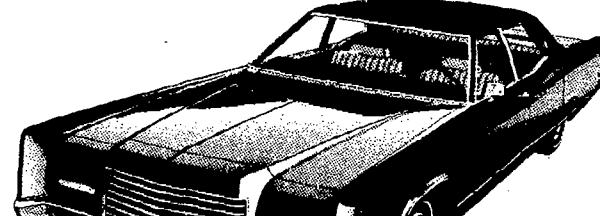
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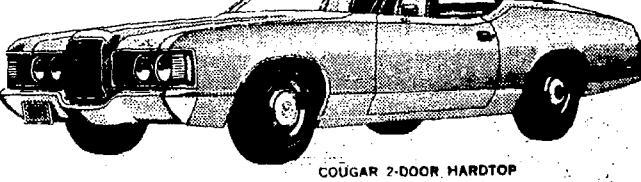
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ABOUT ORNAMENTS

Christmas tree decorations are not of ancient origin. They are, however, old enough to be collectible, and there are some delightful and intriguing tree decorations first used in the nineteenth century. There are fascinating collections being assembled by astute individuals who foresee a considerable rise in their values in coming years.

Nineteenth Century glassblowers produced all sorts of fanciful glass ornaments for Christmas trees, most of them dating from about the 1850s.

Glass balls of the type used today as ornaments are by no means recent. They were blown in various colors during the last century. They were easily breakable and are quite difficult to come by today. The nineteenth century glass balls were a good bit heavier than their modern counterparts with which we are so familiar.

There's A 'Right' Way To Shop For Toys

Be aware of what might give children pleasure at Christmas.

Knowing how to buy toys can make the difference between the successful and the frustrated Santa.

Test some of the toys that you see and like. Among the appealing, amusing or even beneficial, some are merely frustrating to both adults and children.

In order to avoid tears on Christmas morning, have the store clerk open the package before you take it home. Make sure that what you buy is complete and in working order before you pay for it.

Consider your child's age and abilities, he wants something that he can play with or he can assemble without parental help. Often toys are too complicated for the child to really enjoy.

Christmas Everywhere

The spirit of Christmas is a universal spirit, which each nation has shaped into its own individual customs and traditions. In various observances we can see gratitude and we can hear the warm greeting which comes from every heart.

Thoughtful Gift Easy To Give, Well-Received

Recipes that are treasured for their ease of preparation or their own deliciousness make wonderful gifts to share with friends and family. Recipes written in your own handwriting and accompanied by a container of the finished product, it's a truly thoughtful gift.

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Fireplaces today, though smaller than those of yesteryear, symbolize at Christmas the age old custom of burning the log.

The Yule Log was adapted to Holiday celebrations from the Scandinavian practice of building huge bonfires at the winter solstice. Fire represented the spring sun, soon to return.

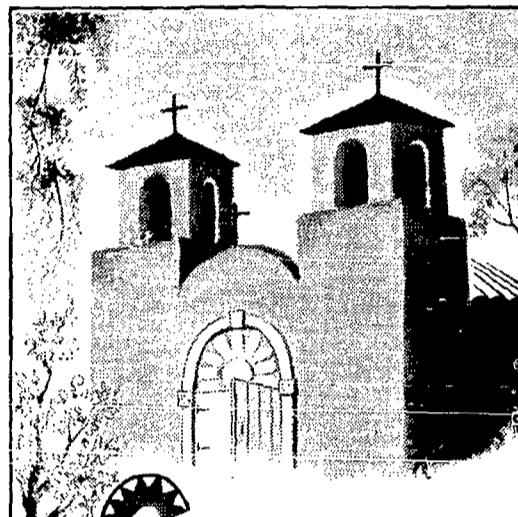
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Sometimes, the piñata may be a caricature of people or animals.

The piñata is suspended by a rope that can raise or lower it. Each child is blindfolded and usually given three chances to poke at the piñata with a stick.

When it's broken, the piñata releases a bounty of delicious fruits, sweets, nuts and toys.

The children scramble to claim as many goodies as possible.

Christmas Rewards

The Birth of Christ is celebrated at Christmas. But, in effect it is everybody's birthday, and the celebration going on all over the world. Therefore, Christmas is many things — some real, some only felt.

Christmas is the excited gleam in the eyes of children; it is the happy music (to celebrate a birth) and talking and laughing; It is bright-painted toys and decorated trees. It is the tinkling of bells and the taste of candles. It is the calm fulfillment that follows hectic days of preparation.

There is a feeling of compassion for the less fortunate that glows more warmly on this day than any other day.

Christmas is the time of the heart's inventory, the time of being together and going home.

Most of all, Christmas is the time of transformation of mothers and fathers, grandmothers and grandfathers, into the children they once were — and still are — for a very short time this one day of the year.

Something For Nothing: There's Always A Catch

A variety of newspaper or magazine ads, as well as many other promotions, fill mail boxes more than usual at this time of year.

Be particularly wary when you are offered something-for-nothing. When you buy, be sure you know just what you are to receive, how much you are to pay and when you will receive.

Nearly always the cost of the free item is included in the price of the item for which you pay.

The intelligent consumer should realize that it is unrealistic for a merchant to hand out free gifts indiscriminately.

You would think that we would be exceedingly suspicious of any something-for-nothing deal. Actually, the promotions are thriving as never before.

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What Are the Facts About Christmas?

Everybody thinks that space travel is something very new, but an elderly gentleman in a rather unique "space-suit" set the pace years ago. His name: Santa Claus.

Now is the season when he's taking off again, for it's Christmas.

How much do you know about Christmas and Santa Claus? Here are some questions, developed with the help of the editors of the Encyclopedia International, to test your knowledge. The answers are at the bottom.

1. The first known Christmas card was designed in 1843 by an Englishman named:

- (A) Charles Dickens
- (B) Sir Henry Cole
- (C) John Galt Horsley

2. The first Christian Nativity feast, celebrating the birth of Christ, occurred in the fourth century on:

- (A) January 6
- (B) July 4
- (C) December 25

3. Christmas did not become a legal holiday in the U.S. until:

- (A) The Puritans arrived in New England
- (B) 1856
- (C) Santa's Helpers Union went on strike.

4. The original name of the gentleman we know today as Santa Claus was:

- (A) Kris Kringle
- (B) Clement C. Moore
- (C) St. Nicholas

1. (C) is correct. Artist Horsley designed the first known Christmas greeting card for his friend, Sir Henry Cole, a wealthy London gentleman. Charles Dickens had his share in Christmas 1843, too. His book, "A Christmas Carol," was published that year.

2. (A) is correct. At first, January 6, the Epiphany, was observed as the feast of Jesus' baptism, with a secondary emphasis on His birth. It was not until the 5th century A.D. that Christmas was generally celebrated on December 25.

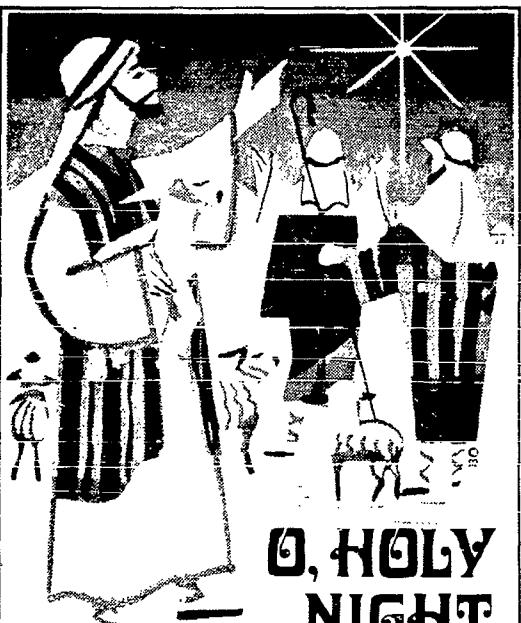
3. (B) is correct. New England states outlawed the celebration of Christmas until the middle of the 19th century.

4. (C) is correct. Kris Kringle is the German name for Santa, while Clement C. Moore contributed to the image of Santa Claus with his poem, "A Visit from St. Nicholas," in 1823. St. Nicholas was a real person, a fourth century bishop, and the first Santa Claus.

Merry Christmas



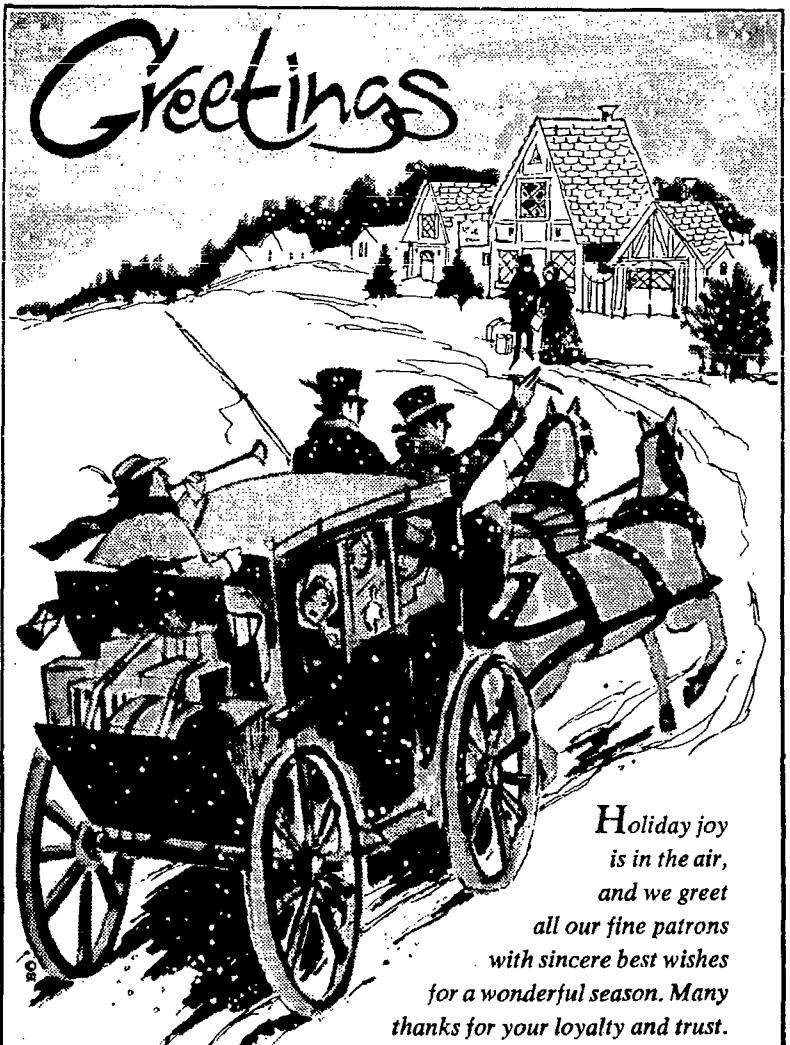
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"REAL ESTATE"

Santa's White Beard, Red Suit Come from Cartoonist



"HELLO, LITTLE ONE" WAS TITLE FOR this famed drawing of Santa, by Thomas Nast from *Harper's Weekly*. Nast, a noted 19th century political cartoonist, was the first to illustrate Santa as a bearded, red-nosed jolly old man whose rotund figure was clothed in a fur-trimmed red suit, according to researchers for Hallmark.

Who gave Santa his red suit, broad girth, white beard, ruddy cheeks and nose, fur-trimmed hat and coat?

Surprisingly enough, the donor was a political cartoonist.

The artist's name was Thomas Nast, cartoonist for *Harper's Illustrated Weekly*, who also created the now-famous symbols of the Republican elephant and the Democratic donkey.

The figure of Santa that Nast drew in 1863, and perhaps earlier, has proved to be the definitive one, and even today the figure as drawn by Nast appears occasionally on Christmas greetings.

"Nast's image of Santa was extraordinary," says Mrs. Jeannette Lee, director of design at Hallmark.

"He gave Santa many of the qualities that have endeared him to children ever since, and we wouldn't dream of tampering very much with them today."

Nast first credited Santa with keeping books on good and bad children, having a Christmas toy workshop and reading letters sent to him by children.

Perhaps it was the now-famous poem, "A Visit from St. Nicholas," by Dr. Clement Clarke Moore, that inspired Nast's illustration of Santa. In this children's classic of

1823, the right jolly old elf, who looked like a peddler with a pack on his back, was first described in print.

Nast followed Dr. Moore's description of Santa in several particulars, but many of his concepts were original.

At the time of Nast's Santa Claus drawings the nation was at Civil War, and families were separated. In a note to cheer both soldiers and their waiting families Nast drew "Santa Claus in Camp," for *Harper's Weekly*.

This earliest Santa was different from any artist's creations up till then. He was shown wearing stars and stripes of the Union and distributing gifts to soldiers. Actually, this Santa might have been meant as a representation of Uncle Sam also.

A later, equally moving Nast illustration featured a soldier's Christmas homecoming.

Born in 1840 in the tiny hamlet of Landau, Bavaria, Nast probably pictured Santa as the long-imagined Saint Nicholas of his childhood.

Albert Bigelow Paine, a friend and admirer of Nast, said the artist often revealed to him his love of the Santa illustrations. He later wrote in his biography of the cartoonist:

"His own childhood in far-off Bavaria has been measured by the yearly visits of . . . St. Nicholas . . . and the girlhood of the woman who was to become his wife (Sarah Edwards of New York) was intimately associated with brilliant and joyous celebrations."

"Nast's children later recalled there was always a multitude of paper dolls—marvelously big and elaborate, a race long since become extinct.

"And these artistic father—more than half a child himself at the Christmas season—arranged in processions and cavalcades, gay pageants that marched in and about those larger presents that could not be crowded into the row of stockings that hung by the family fireplace."

"It was a time of splendor and rejoicing—the festive blossoming of the winter season—and it was a beautiful and sturdy family that made Merry Christmas riot in the spacious New York home."

In Nast's day, the idea of some sort of Santa was not new to this country. He was introduced to North America by the early Dutch settlers and his name was St. Nicholas. The annual visit of this kind man, who was thought to have been a fourth-century bishop, was his feast day, December 6th.

By 1809, Washington Irving was describing Santa as a small Dutch citizen who looked much like Father Knickerbocker. Irving wondered how the poor old man could get to all the homes in a growing America on his horse, so he invented the famous reindeer-drawn sleigh.

Something For Mom
Christmas is not the time to give Mother a needed appliance, no matter how practical she may be. She would much prefer to receive something frivolous—something she wouldn't ordinarily buy for herself. It need not be expensive, like mink or diamonds. Some utterly extravagant perfume or a frilly housecoat would be nice.

Holiday Fun Prompts Lively Party Ideas

Christmas gatherings just naturally turn into parties—friends and relatives drop in with holiday greetings, and all of a sudden it's a party!

Party games designed especially for the season can spur on the fun.



BRIGHT CHRISTMAS WISHES

Hope your holiday gleams with good cheer and is filled with happy times.

LENG'S GARAGE
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For groups large or small, parties planned or impromptu, the following entertainments ideas are suggested.

One way to "break the ice," especially when all of the guests are not well acquainted with each other, is to play a guessing game. A Christmas Personality game can be played by pinning a name such as "Rudolph," "Santa" or "Christmas Angel" on the backs of several guests. Then each tries to guess his name by hints others give.

Another way to start a party is to start the guests out thinking! Have a little contest and see who can spell the most words with the letters in "Christmas."

Musical Candy Cane

A lively combination version of Musical Chairs and Hot Potato makes use of some unbreakable symbol of Christmas festivities—a small package, one of the sturdier tree ornaments, a big candy cane.

One person who is not playing puts on a Christmas record. Everyone sits in a close circle and passes the object around. When the music suddenly stops, the person who has the object in his hand is out. This continues until the circle is reduced to one—the winner!

Pin the Star

Children never tire of exciting party games, while the adults may need a rest. One game that is loads of fun for kids to play and adults to watch is a seasonal version of "Pin the Tail on the Donkey." This one is "Pin the Star on the Christmas Tree."

It's easy to cut a large shape of a Christmas Tree out of green construction paper and tape it to a wall or door, making sure it is low enough for the littlest guest to reach the top.

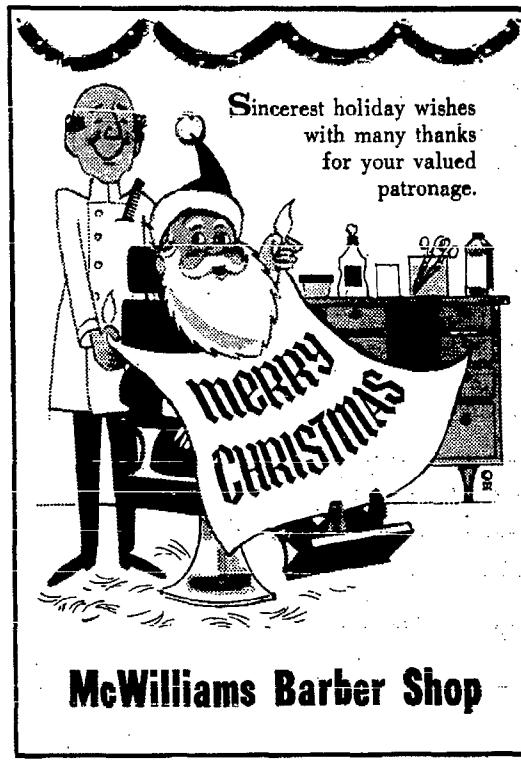
Each child gets a paper star with tape on the back and takes his turn being blindfolded and spun around. The one who can place his star closest to the top of the tree wins.



Merry Christmas

In the true and hearty spirit of an old-fashioned Christmas, we wish you the best, and thank you warmly.

GRAYLING GULF



McWilliams Barber Shop



In quiet serenity, let us reflect on the true message of Christmas. May your home and family be blessed with the spiritual joy and happiness that His birth taught us to cherish.

With our greetings goes our sincere appreciation.

**BILL HART FORD, Inc.,
Old US-27 North, Grayling**

**Peace,
Joy**

May
the Star
that guided
the Wise
Men blaze
a path of
enrichment
for you.

Sorenson Funeral Home



Joy to the world, it is the
season of Christ's birth, rich
in love and peace. We wish you a
full share of holiday joy.
Grateful thanks to all.

Scrub Board Laundromat

104 Charles St.
Robert Fay and Robert Mead, Owners

Legend, Lore Of Holiday Takes Varied Forms

The belief that Santa has a reindeer-drawn sleigh and enters homes through the chimney may have come from Scandinavia. An old Norse legend about the goddess Hertha said that she rode on a reindeer's back.

Her appearance in the fireplace in mid-winter was thought to bring good luck to the home.

"Silent Night, Holy Night" was written in 1818 by a village priest in Hallstatt, Austria. Father Joseph Mohr wrote the words, and to an accompaniment created by his organist, Franz Gruber.

Legend has it that the church organ was out of order — damaged by mice — and so "Silent Night" was first sung to a guitar accompaniment.

Who invented that popular holiday beverage, eggnog? It has been part of the festivities for so many years that nobody really knows its origin.

One possibility is that eggnog came from the Old English hot drink, sack-posset, which was also made of eggs, milk, nutmeg and sugar.

Among the earliest Christmas tree ornaments were some that resembled the sun, stars and moon, or animals.

Using signs of nature as decorations can be traced back to the feasts of the winter equinox, when sun-worshipping pagans hung similar trinkets on trees.

"The cattle were lowing," says the carol, "Away in a Manger," and Nativity paintings often show the animals of the manger.

Appropriately, tradition says that cattle and other domestic animals should have a special feast on Christmas Eve. It's legendary, too, that cattle are given the power of speech for a few moments at this time.

Mistletoe, said to hold a license for kissing, was renowned in ancient times for many mystical powers. Because of its pagan associations, it was long forbidden in churches.

A German legend held that, if a sprig of mistletoe was carried into an old house, the ghosts of the house would appear and answer questions.

Dear Santa Claus:
Letters to the North Pole come scrawled on everything from notebook paper to post cards to pages torn from coloring books. Many of them don't seem to have the same spirit that they used to. The letters are often just lists — with or without a "please". Letter writers often reverse the addresses and return addresses on their envelopes. A post-office must decide where "North Pole, Alaska" is or "Santa Claus, North Pole, USA."

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Best wishes for a holiday season filled with happiness and good cheer. And sincere thanks for your patronage.

Dora's Beauty Shop



merry Christmas

Throughout the land, the season spreads its warmth and happiness with our message of sincere gratitude.

Hanson's Sporting Goods



**THE
SPIRIT OF
CHRISTMAS**

As you worship with your family at Christmas, may the true spirit of the season greatly bless you. Sincerely, we extend our greetings.

**NORTHLAND
Department Store**

Wreaths Got Pagan Start

During this holiday season, a wide variety of colorful wreaths deck the doorways of homes in this community.

The use of wreaths at holiday time stems from the customs of Advent season — the four Sundays before Christmas. Traditionally, Advent wreaths are made of evergreens, trimmed with ribbons, and hold four candles to be lit during the Sundays of Advent.

The wreath, which has no beginning or end, represents eternity, and the evergreens symbolize growth and life, according to the editors of the New Book of Knowledge.

Like many other Christian holiday customs, the Advent wreath originated in pagan ceremonies.

During the dark days of the winter solstice, the sun-worshippers of northern Europe sought to please their absent god, the sun, and persuade him to return, by using a wheel trimmed with greenery.

The wreath was made of an actual wheel, taken from a cart and wrapped in greens. Lights, too, were added.

Decorating with Cards Can Be Yule Project

When children need a change from the toys on Christmas day, a promising project could be to let them see what they can do with the family greeting cards.

Here are some suggestions from Jeannette Lee, art director for Hallmark.

Tape or staple cards to lengths of ribbon and hang them on walls or doors.

Make a Christmas wreath by attaching cards to a circle of cardboard.

"Frame" cards with construction paper.

Decorate a screen with cards.

Christmas Pilgrims

Bethlehem glitters for Christians. The busses stream to Manger Square, unloading devout visitors from all parts of the world. They stoop through the low doors and cling to the narrow stairways leading to the Grotto. A star marks the place where Jesus was born.

The jet age permits more pilgrims than ever to visit the Holy Land, but most miss the many opportunities the Holy Land offers to lend extra meaning to Christ's incarnation. The jettisoned itinerary hardly permits the visitors to experience the Holy Land in all of its absorbing fascination. The usual pilgrim hardly ever enters the ordinary home in Bethlehem. Pilgrims live in hotels and visit countless churches and museums, but seldom a real lived-in house.

Just out of sight behind the souvenir shops is an infant care center. Far off the track of tourists is an impoverished village. Hardly noticed by visitors is a dim little chapel that could make the straying art lover gasp.

Christmas Pilgrims will again throng to Bethlehem, but most will miss the many opportunities the Holy Land affords to lend extra meaning to Christ's incarnation.

**FIGHT FIRES
BY PREVENTING THEM**

DEATH
TAKES NO HOLIDAY
DRIVE SAFELY



GREETINGS

As the Christmas spirit abounds through our community, we send our warmest greetings to all for a happy holiday. Sincere thanks for your generous consideration.

SPIKE'S KEG O' NAILS

Lon and Marg Qualls



Christmas has arrived!
A time for gaily-wrapped
goodies, yes, but also the
time to count our each and
every blessing... and
to say thanks to our valued
customers. We greatly
appreciate your generous
consideration. May
your holidays be happy.

Clair's Service



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Happy Holidays

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Hurry Up It's Time

A new year. Time for your medical checkup. Now

But for too many Americans, getting that checkup is no simple matter. There are just not enough doctors, for one thing. The Nixon Administration has warned that we are on the verge of a "massive crisis" in health care.

Every major city has its statistics about the ghetto in which the ratio is one doctor to a population of 20,000 or 30,000. Many poor rural areas are just as bad off.

A recent survey of 1,500 cities and towns in the Midwest showed that 1,000 of them had no doctor at all; and 200 of these places had only one doctor. There are only 203,000 physicians treating patients; and there are more than 200 million Americans. That figures out to one doctor for every 1,000 people. Theoretically.

More and more Americans have come to insist that health care is a right due every citizen. And they demand that a right be met. Revamping the delivery of health care — so that everyone who needs it gets it — is a burning public issue.

Having a doctor and getting an annual medical checkup is an important part of that right. It can help prevent the development of disease — such as tuberculosis and other lung infections — before they really get started. Taking pills called isoniazid, for example, can stop tuberculous infections from blossoming into active disease.

To get an annual medical checkup, see your doctor. To find out more about infections and disease of the lungs, check with the Michigan Tuberculosis and Respiratory Disease Association, 403 Seymour Ave., Lansing 48914. Health care is your right.

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Bulletin Answers Home Sewage Disposal Questions

By Willard Besserman
County Extension Director

People thinking of putting in a new septic tank or replacing an old one can get practical information about doing so from a Michigan State University bulletin.

Extension bulletin 577 looks at requirements and limitations of home sewage disposal systems.

DOWNRIVER PINES

Al and Bertha John

CHRIST IS BORN

May the Star
that blazed
in the heavens
on the night
of His birth
shine upon you
and yours,
bringing much
Christmas joy.

MICHIGAN MIRROR

By Elmer E. White

Detection System Started

The most treacherous part of a driver's experience in the winter can come when he is driving across bridges.

Bridges are suspended in the air, and cold winds can blow both above and below them. This cool bridge surface much faster than road surfaces. They can be like glass while the rest of the road is still quite safe.

If temperature and humidity conditions are right, the bridge surface will become slick, even though adjacent highways are clear and dry.

In an attempt to counter the dangers posed by such bridges, the state highway department started experimenting with an ice detection system for bridges.

The first ice detection system is now installed on the Interstate 75 Rouge River Bridge in Detroit.

It consists of 18 sensors imbedded in the concrete bridge deck. The sensors will pick up and transmit temperature, humidity and deck condition information to the Wayne County Road Commission's highway maintenance garage to give advance warning of icing.

This will allow road crews to get an earlier jump on icing conditions and hopefully keep the bridge safe.

The project is costing \$30,000, with 90 per cent of the money coming from federal government.

Brevity Pays

Lawyers have a well deserved reputation for being wordy when they talk or write, and judges are traditionally expected to write long, windy explanations of their judicial decisions.

Thus, an opinion handed down by the Court of Appeals recently comes as something of a breath of fresh air.

The opinion was written by Judge J. H. Gillis and involved a workmen's compensation case. Wrote Gillis: "The appellant has attempted to distinguish the factual situation in this case from that in another case."

"He didn't. We couldn't." End of opinion.

Voters Say No

Michigan legislators can be glad the pay raises they are scheduled to receive will not be submitted to voters for approval if results from the rest of the nation on election day reflect the sentiment here.

Eight states held elections on proposals to increase legislative pay or establish a commission similar to the one which awarded the legislators \$2,000 pay increases in November.

In five of those states the proposals were defeated. And none of the proposals involving straight pay hikes was passed.

At the same time, voters decided to get more work out of their legislators. In six states annual legislative sessions were adopted by voters. This brought to 37 the number of states which will have their legislatures meeting every year.

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Thursday, December 24, 1970

R. L. D. S. Church News

On December 3rd, the R.L.D.S. Women's Dept. met at the home of Lorna LaMotte for their annual Christmas party. They also had a lesson on wrapping gifts.

On December 15, the R.L.D.S. Zioneers met at the John Petersen to make cookies and popcorn for the Church Christmas program.

The Christmas program was held at the Church on December 16th at 7:30. Old fashioned poems, carols and tableau of Christmas story was presented. Refreshments were served afterwards.

Greetings

*It's the season
of fun and laughter.
We wish your family the
best the Yuletide can offer. Merry Christmas.*

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Christmas
is Here!

Santa's singing out
our sincere thanks to
all our customers
and friends.

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Merry
Christmas

The delightful holiday season is here! May you enjoy every moment with family and friends in true contentment.

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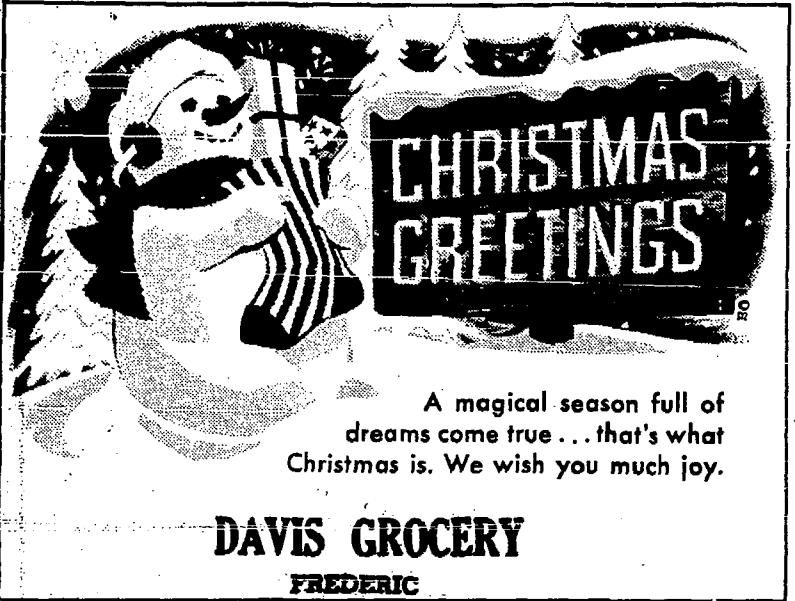
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OLD-TIME GREETINGS

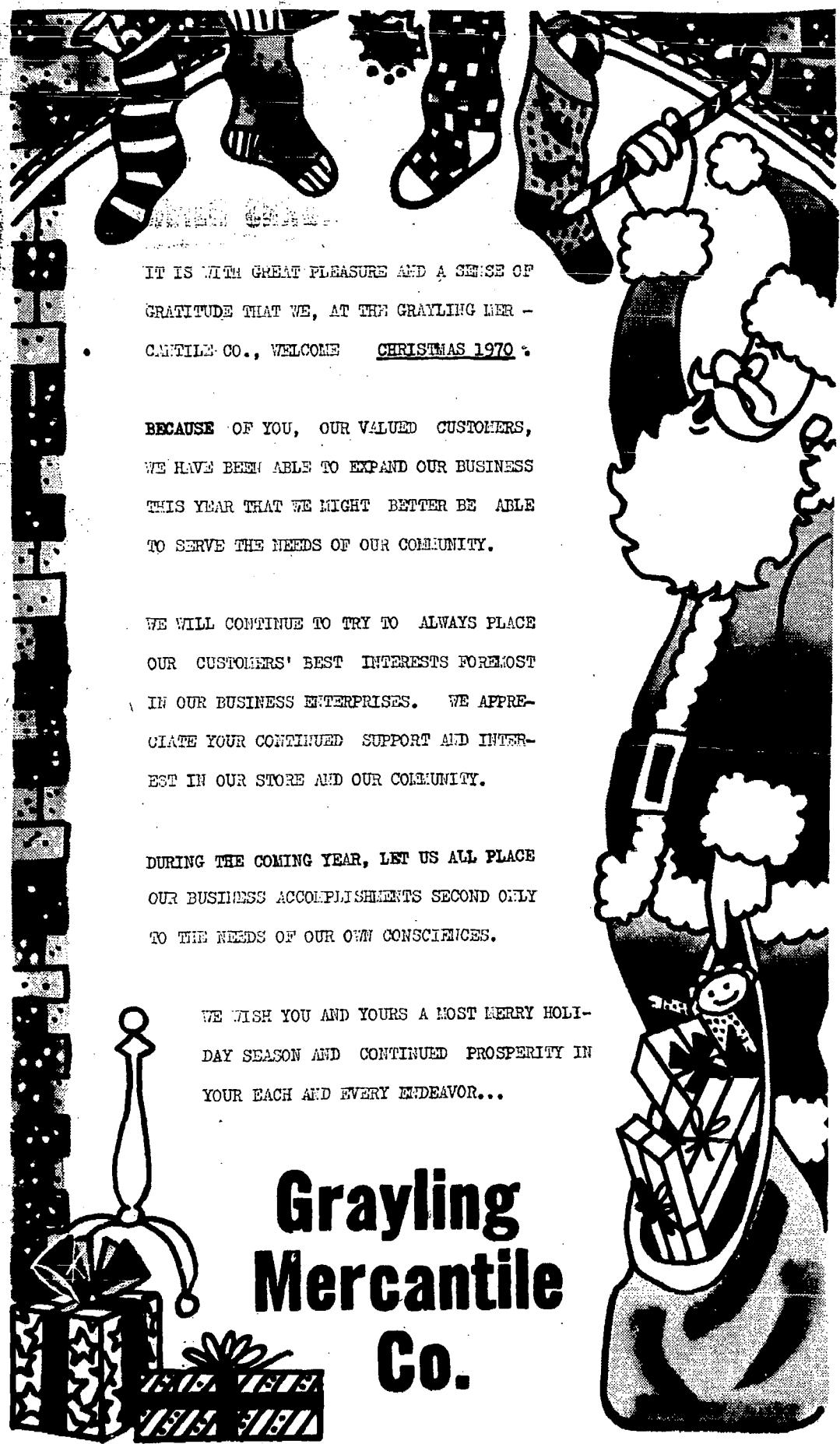
The wonderful old traditions call for people to gather together, to meet with their near and dear. As you and yours celebrate Christmas, we wish for you the true delights of the season.

MAC'S DRUG STORE

**Frederic Inn**

A magical season full of dreams come true... that's what Christmas is. We wish you much joy.

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IT IS WITH GREAT PLEASURE AND A SENSE OF GRATITUDE THAT WE, AT THE GRAYLING MERCANTILE CO., WELCOME CHRISTMAS 1970.

BECAUSE OF YOU, OUR VALUED CUSTOMERS, WE HAVE BEEN ABLE TO EXPAND OUR BUSINESS THIS YEAR THAT WE MIGHT BETTER BE ABLE TO SERVE THE NEEDS OF OUR COMMUNITY.

WE WILL CONTINUE TO TRY TO ALWAYS PLACE OUR CUSTOMERS' BEST INTERESTS FOREMOST IN OUR BUSINESS ENTERPRISES. WE APPRECIATE YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT AND INTEREST IN OUR STORE AND OUR COMMUNITY.

DURING THE COMING YEAR, LET US ALL PLACE OUR BUSINESS ACCOMPLISHMENTS SECOND ONLY TO THE NEEDS OF OUR OWN CONSCiences.

WE WISH YOU AND YOURS A MOST MERRY HOLIDAY SEASON AND CONTINUED PROSPERITY IN YOUR EACH AND EVERY ENDEAVOR...

**Grayling
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Co.**

Deck House And Boughs With Safety

With the time for putting up Christmas decorations at hand, several suggestions are offered in the interest of safety. A great peril is to overload electrical circuits. It may not be heavy enough to blow a fuse but could cause the wire to overheat and melt insulation. Strings of lights and extension cords that have been stored could have deteriorated and should be thoroughly checked. Further Cautions: Don't work on strings that are plugged in. Don't stretch light strings or extension wiring. Don't place flammable material near floodlights. Keep electrical fixtures out of the reach of children. Don't use string lights on a metallic tree.

Hot Bunwiches Are A Great Idea

2 cups coarsely diced, cooked turkey
1/2 cup diced celery
2 tablespoons finely chopped onion
1/2 cup diced cheddar cheese
2 hard cooked eggs, chopped
1/2 cup mayonnaise
1/4 teaspoon paprika
salt & pepper to taste butter or margarine hamburger buns

Combine turkey, celery, onion, cheese and eggs. Moisten with mayonnaise and season with paprika, salt and pepper. Spread generously between buttered halves of buns. Wrap each sandwich in foil. Heat at 375 degrees for 15 to 20 minutes. Delicious — simple, and a good way to use left over turkey.

THE Christmas Tree...

(author unknown)
You come from a land where the snow lies deep
In forest grand, on mountain steep;
Where the days are short, and the nights are long,
And never a skylark sings his song.
Have you seen the wild deer in his mountain home
And watched the descent of the brown pine cone?
Do you miss your mates in the land of snow?
Where none but the evergreen branches grow?
Dear tree, we will dress you in robes so bright,
That ne'er could be a prettier sight;
In glittering balls and tinkled bells,
And the star which the story of Christmas tells.
On every branch we will place a light
That will send its gleam through the starry night,
And the little children will gather there,
And carol their songs in voices fair;
A lovely sight you will always be...
You beautiful, beautiful Christmas tree.

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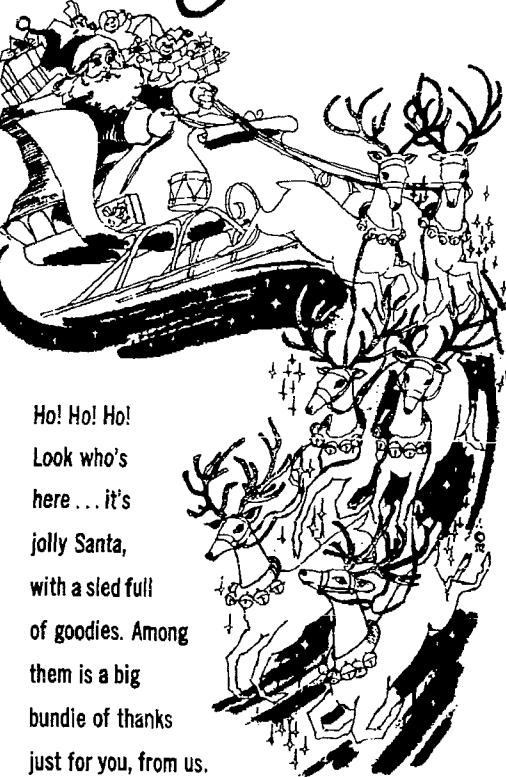
May the peace of that first Noel shine brightly on you. May its true meaning fill your heart and home with love, understanding, happiness.

SCHEER MOTORS, Inc.

CHRISTMAS**JOY**

May the joy and peace of this holiday season be with you.

GRAYLING REEL CO., Inc.

Merry Christmas

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DISTRICT COURT JUDGE



**Scholars Study
Source of Star
Shining in East**

"There shall come forth a Star" — Numbers 24:17.

In this Old Testament prophecy by Balaam, was a real star meant, or does "Star" refer to a great person?

For centuries, Biblical scholars have considered this question. Many believe that the prophecy led the wise men to watch for and follow the "star in the east," of which St. Matthew wrote in his story of the Nativity.

The star itself is the source of many theories. Perhaps the best of all is that it was a miraculous appearance and as such needs no explanation.

However, astronomers through the ages have sought to connect the star seen by the wise men with other reported celestial objects — a comet, perhaps, or an especially brilliant star that only appears at long intervals.

Still another theory suggests that the star may have been a configuration or grouping of planets. In 1604, the German astronomer Johannes Kepler theorized that Jupiter, Saturn and Mars might have occurred in such a configuration at about the time of Christ's birth.

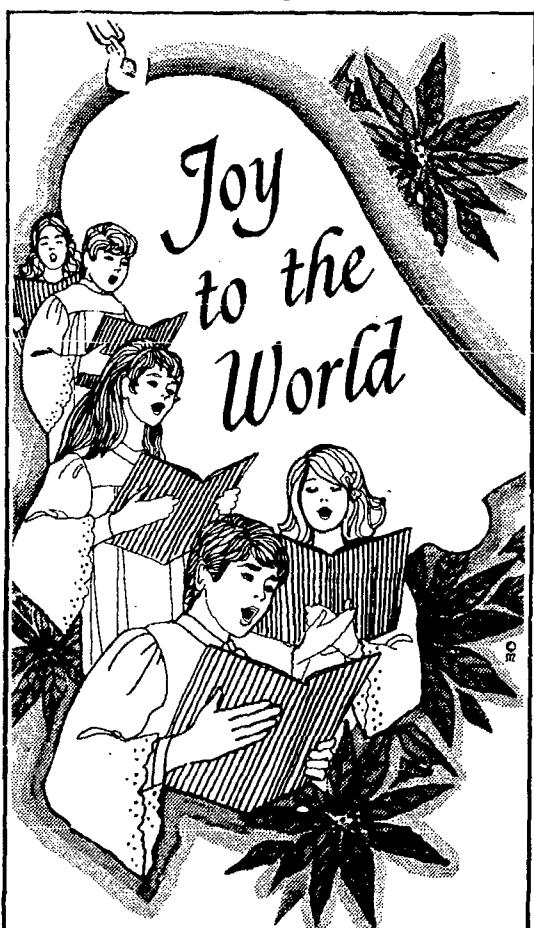
The fact that the star and the visit of the wise men were described only by St. Matthew has led to still another question. Did only the wise men see the star?

That they were so privileged is sometimes explained by the legend that the wise men were astrologers whose special interest helped them to notice the unusual brilliance of the three planets grouped together.

**GREETINGS
at Christmas**

We're wishing you all the pleasures of an old-fashioned Yule, complete with long-lasting peace and joy.

Mildred Chew
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May joy fill your heart and enrich your life this Christmas Season. We extend our warm thanks to you.

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GREETINGS

To old friends and new go our wishes for a wonderful Christmas season.

Flowers by Josie
JOSEPHINE McEVERS
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BIG GIRL . . . Betty Big Girl will be a popular playmate for many little girls. She's life-size (31" tall), has no buttons, no strings to pull. Just a giggle and she says the funniest things — and sings and laughs.

WRAP EARLY! SCATTER PRETTY PACKAGES ALL THROUGH THE HOUSE—JUST TO GET EVERYONE IN THE MOOD.



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Iconography? It's Part Of Today

The ancient Byzantine art of iconography is a contemporary art, too, and very much a part of today.

So declares John Papasiliopoulos, leading iconographer and owner-creator of the Byzantine Icons Studio, New York.

He points out that the turn of the century Art Nouveau technique, which has influenced much contemporary art, is related to Byzantine religious art. A non-realistic use of color and flattening of perspective are typical.

As an iconographer, Mr. Papasiliopoulos leads the development of a "Byzantine art of the 20th century."

Assisted by the artists of his studio, he has decorated some 30 churches in the United States. In his native Greece, he has decorated 19 Athens churches.

Like Byzantine artists of centuries past, Mr. Papasiliopoulos works with traditionally authentic egg tempera. He makes his own tempera from egg, vinegar and ammonia. To this emulsion, coloring agents are added.

He makes extensive use of gold leaf, another traditional element in Byzantine art. His work shows his own personal touch but always follows the pure Byzantine style.

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We thank you for your continued good will.

BEN FRANKLIN



Christmas Blessings

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In the Spirit of Christmas

With best wishes for a happy, holy holiday, we send greetings and gratitude to you. May the blessings of Christmas ever be yours.

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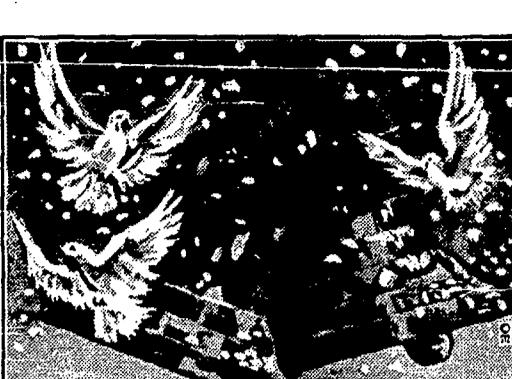
BEST WISHES FOR Christmas

Carolers sing, candles gleam, children laugh. It's Merry Christmas time...time to greet our friends with every good wish for a happy holiday. May your Christmastide be filled with many joys and rich in the blessings of love and peace.



The spirit of Christmas is in the air, ringing out joy and good will. We take this time to extend to all greetings and thanks.

Jack Millikin Construction



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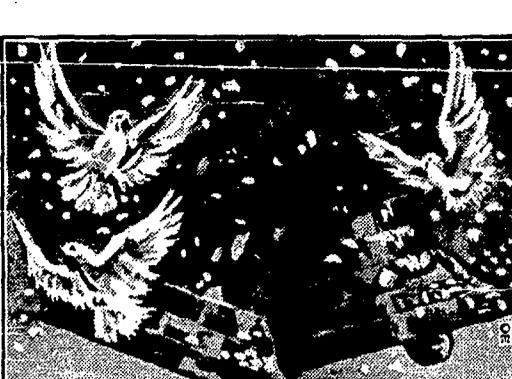
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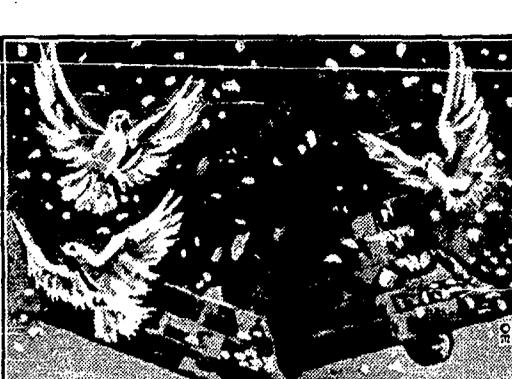
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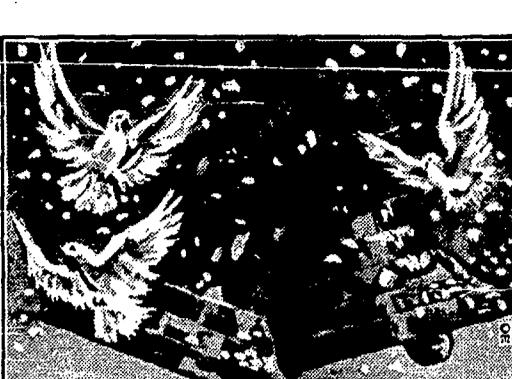
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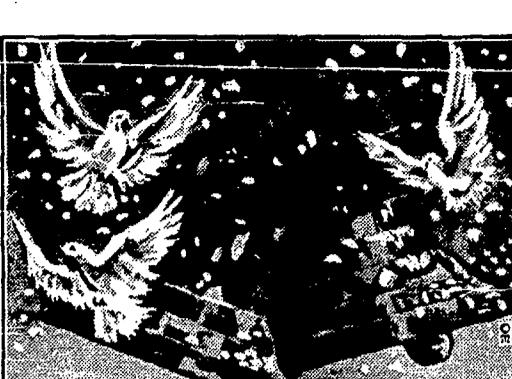
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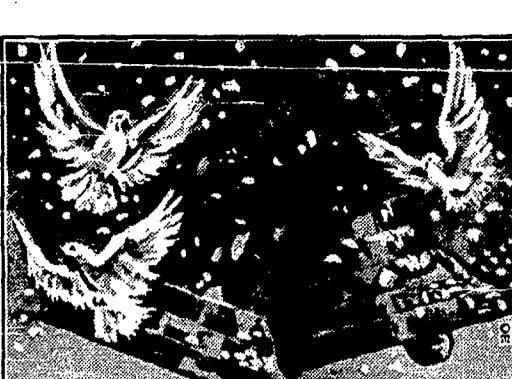
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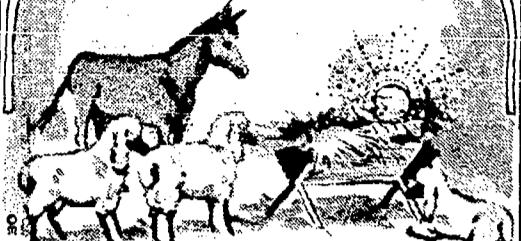
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The Christmas Story



As we celebrate His Birth,
we pause to study the true meaning
of Christmas. Best of the
season to you and your family.

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mankind 2,000 years ago.

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a miracle and was performed in
a supernatural manner to reflect
its eternal significance.

The first Christmas Gift was a
Redeemer who came to offer man
a better life on earth — and
eternal life beyond the veil. The
long awaited Messiah came to the
City of David as a mortal infant,
to establish a new relationship
between God and man.

The Christmas Child which was
greeted by the shepherds and later worshipped by the Magi has
forever changed the course of
history. With his birth came a
new age, a new religion and a
new concept of the value of a
human life. Never again will
life be the same.

My Neighbors



"For Heaven's sake
mother—of course I'm giving
you the best possible
price."

"If It Fitz . . ."

Humbug under lights

By Jim Fitzgerald

idea of wedging an angel in his basketball hoop. The majority prevailed, all hail democracy and let's deck them there halls. So now, before going to bed every night, I must run out into the cold and pull the master plug. I must also flip several switches. Otherwise, darkness will never fall on our block and the tomcats will have no secrets.

"Doesn't it look wonderful?" Chrissie asked the first evening I shouldered my way through the festooning and squeezed through the door without breaking a light.

I had to admit it didn't look bad. But I think I was more influenced by the lights in her eyes than by the lights in the bushes.

Whatever turns you on, Honey. Which sure pulls the plug on this old Scrooge.

Merry Bah and Happy Humbug.

all bulbs out. No sane man would string lights all over the outside of his home because he didn't want to spend the holiday season freezing his hands, screwing and unscrewing bulbs, trying to find the bad one. But then some clown invented individual lights. And suddenly, every Christmas, neighbors began wishing each other Peace on Earth by waging a war of wattage.

There are flapping Santas strapped to TV aerials and plaster shepherds staked to the ground. There are millions of bare little Jesuses, shivering Wise Men and grimacing angels to remind us how much more comfortable they'd all be if there were room for them in the Holiday Inn. Electricity must be held answerable for this general assault on the eyeballs. Those frozen holy pictures wouldn't be out there if it weren't for extension cords and double sockets. There's not much sense

in displaying your Christmas spirit if you can't plug it in for the neighbors to see. Thanks a lot, Spencer Tracy.

But, like I always say, To Each His Own. If the rest of the world wants its front yard to look like the grand opening of St Joseph's Mobil Station, it's no tinsel off my tree. God bless them one and all, Tiny Tim and Miss Vicki. As for me, I always got a perverse pleasure out of owning the one home that really stood out at Christmas time. It stood out like a missing front tooth in the mouth of Mary Tyler Moore. In my neighborhood, everyone knew where Scrooge lived.

The trouble started when daughter Chrissie took me seriously on that To Each His Own philosophy. For her own, she decided she wanted lights on her house and landscaping. Her mother agreed and her brother said OK as long as she forgot the



GRiffin Broadcasts to Hanoi—U.S. Senator Robert P. Griffin (R-Mich) outlines his prisoner of war proposals in a broadcast to be beamed over North Vietnam. Griffin's remarks over Radio of Free Asia will be interpreted into Vietnamese for short-wave transmission. Officials in Hanoi regularly monitor RFA broadcasts to gauge an index of American opinion. Griffin has urged the unilateral release of at least 1500 North Vietnamese from prison camps in South Vietnam, in addition to all sick and wounded. Such action, Griffin contends, would create worldwide an expectation of reciprocal action by Hanoi concerning American POWs. The Senate Republican Whip has also offered to go to North Vietnam to verify Hanoi's claim of humane treatment of U.S. prisoners by his personally inspecting the prison camps.

Home and Schools To Use Microfilm

Micropublishing, the publication and dissemination of information on microfilm, is destined for a major role in homes and schools, according to Eastman Kodak Company.

It will help Mom keep track of her recipes and assist the children with their school work. Dad will find micropublishing helpful in his home maintenance chores and hobbies.

Curriculum packages in schools will be microfilmed and libraries may even depend on micropublishing for lending in place of books.

The users of the products of micropublishing receive them in various ways, including roll microfilm magazines, aperture cards and microfiche. Microfiche cards are especially useful in micropublishing because of the volume of information that can be compacted on a single sheet—the equivalent of up to 500 pages.

TOYS DEVELOPED BY IMAGINATION and INTELLIGENCE

Toys which teach as well as amuse are probably the strongest trend.

Toymakers today are employing psychologists and other specialists as designers and making educational toys for children down to and including infants.

War toys are out. Space toys, however, are in. On sale is an enormous array of space stations, moon walkers, rocket-launching outfit and moon globes drawn from actual photographs.

The main trend in dolls continues to be toward realism. Dolls now not only walk, talk, wet and sleep, but also ride go-carts, grow teeth speak Spanish and do push-ups.

Art is being stressed and in books the trend is toward experiencing as well as reading. Plants are sprouting in the form of children's greenhouses.

In sum, today's toys go far beyond entertaining and actually do engross the child in constructive activity.

Percolator Punch Pleases The Palate

Fill your percolator basket with cinnamon sticks, sugar and spices—and you have the tasty beginning of a hot festive punch. This non-alcoholic spiced punch is especially appropriate for teen gatherings, church socials, and as an "extra" beverage where liquor is served.

2 1/2 cups pineapple juice
1 1/2 cups water
2 cups cranberry juice
1 tablespoon whole cloves
1/2 tablespoon whole all-spice
3 sticks cinnamon
1/4 teaspoon salt
1/4 cup firmly packed brown sugar.

Pour pineapple juice, water and cranberry juice into bottom of automatic 8 to 12 cup coffeemaker. Place remaining ingredients in basket. Set heat control on "strong" and complete perking cycle. Hold on "mild" setting. Serve hot in mugs or heatproof punch cups.

KNOW YOUR ENEMY!



To all, we extend warm and happy greetings in the spirit of this most joyous season. It's our privilege to be a part of this fine community and we sincerely hope to continue serving our friends and neighbors in every way.

The Avalanche
and Staff



Almanack

by Richard L. Milliken

15 Crawford County Avalanche Thursday, December 24, 1970

Financial Storm Clouds Gather

If we listen to the soundings emanating from the state capitol in Lansing—and we may as well listen because they're going to grow in intensity in the months ahead—the financial storm clouds are gathering over Michigan government once again.

Oh, it's not as bad as it was in the "payless payday" era back in the late 1950s, but some heralds of doom would have us believe that same nadir can be reached again.

State government got a taste of what may lie ahead a few weeks ago with an edict that each of the 19 principal departments had to trim operations by 2 per cent right now. The reason cited by Gov. Milliken was declining state revenues because of the protracted General Motors strike. With the huge GM payroll way down, state income tax collections were way down, and so were state sales tax collections, too.

At last look, all agencies were making it through the belt-tightening process satisfactorily, and other overall economies were being made successfully, so the initial storm apparently has been weathered.

But a new legislative year approaches, and with it a new budget to be written for the year beginning next July 1, 1971.

Here, we are told, is where the real trouble will unfold. Costs are up, inflation continues, caseloads for government services continue to increase—that is, student loads, and prisoner loads, and patient

loads, and welfare client loads, and things of that sort.

And in addition, new programs cry for enactment—in drug control, in curbing crime, in clearing the environment, and on, and on, and on. The resulting squeeze can mean only one thing—more taxes for 1971-72.

The governor, and the supreme court justices, and the legislators all will receive pay hikes, ranging up to \$7,000 a year for the justices. There is the slight technicality that the legislature in 1971 has a chance to veto these pay hikes, but don't bet on anything happening beyond a publicity skirmish or two.

The percentages are vast for some of these elected official pay increases—20 per cent for the supreme court, for example. But wrapped all together, the total amount of money involved is but a drop in the bucket in the overall state budget.

The pay increase recently approved by the State Civil Service Commission for Michigan's 47,000 civil service employees is quite another thing. This package runs over \$40 million for the state's workers—which makes a bigger splash than the above-mentioned drop in the bucket.

Probably the most costly aspect of the civil service pay hike, however, will be felt in the ripples it creates. The \$40 million package affecting the 47,000 classified workers doesn't

stop there, unfortunately for the taxpayer. The ripples reach far.

For example, the 8.1 per cent average increase for state workers becomes the base for all local units of government in dealing with their employees for the coming year. If the state pays that much, why not local government?

And it also becomes the base increase for the thousands of employees in Michigan's vast college and university network, with the state picking up the tab.

Local school districts, too, will start from the 8.1 per cent as a point upon which to improve in local teacher negotiations. Most districts, we would guess, will seek to improve on the 8.1 state figure.

And so it goes.

For the first time in more than a decade, Gov. Milliken is talking in veiled terms about the level of business taxes, and how any business tax hikes will lead to business fleeing the state and drying up the tax-producing job market in Michigan. Shades of the G. Mennen Williams era are being hinted again.

Which all means, in the eyes of this analyst, that taxes are going up in Michigan in the coming legislative session. Remember, too, that it's not an election year, either.

The only questions are which taxes, and how far.



Yuletide is the season to be jolly . . . and it's a fine time to wish you and yours the happiest. Warm "thanks," too.

OLSON'S
of GRAYLING



by MARY LEE

Is crime fast becoming a major problem in your area? If so, you may need a PAL. That's the youth recreation program of the Police Athletic League.

You see, in the past 10 years, arrests of young people have increased more than three times as fast as the population growth, according to FBI statistics. In 1968 there were 4,466,600 serious crimes reported, and almost half of the arrests for them were of persons under 18 years of age. In the first six months of 1969 that rate rose by 11 percent, and is continuing to increase in 1970.

Crime is a local problem. It is your concern and mine. When young people call the police pigs, swine, fuzz, rat, and sneer at law and order, we are heading for anarchy, and the time is past due to do something about it. We can help stop this terror by working with the police and law courts to develop sound activities for the young people in our communities. PAL is one of the most successful of such programs.

Started in New York City in 1914 as a police-sponsored group, it later became staffed with professional civilians. Today, it provides some 100,000 New York City children between the ages of 7 and 21 with wholesome activities. They maintain play-streets and youth centers where youngsters can learn sports and cultural subjects.

Not only do these children develop admiration and respect for the police who protect their communities, they find new heroes to worship. If a constructive youth group is needed in your area, talk with your police and local officials about having a PAL.

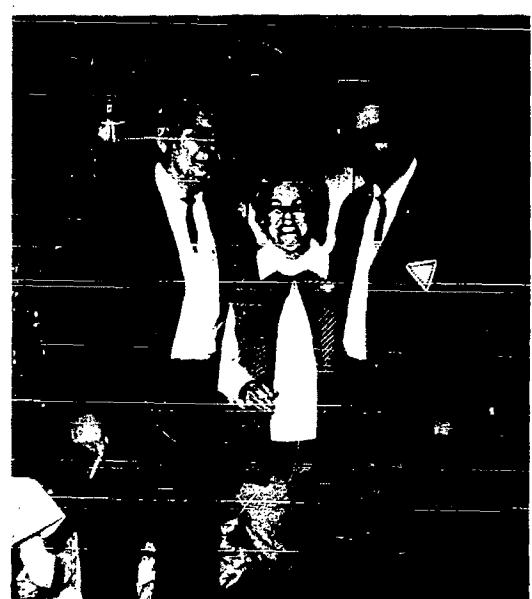
For more information on this organization, you can write to the National Police Conference on PAL and Youth Activities, Executive Office, 372 Park Ave., Weehawken, N. J. 07087.

Light Gives Heat

A 30-story headquarters building burns lights all night, saves money, and helps ecology in Portland, Ore.

The lights maintain the heat level in the building of Georgia-Pacific, largely without help from any other energy source. This highly efficient energy conservation system during the day reclaims heat generated by human bodies, office equipment and solar heat from outside the building. At night, when fresh air requirements diminish the heat, the lighting system maintains required heating levels in the building.

There is sufficient heat from the internal sources to handle the entire heating requirements in the building until the outside temperature falls into the 30 to 40 degree range.



WINNER — Shown center is Mrs. Ken Wixom, who won a snowmobile suit given away at the Voiture 1495, 40 et 8 party Sunday held at the Legion hall. Flanking her on the left is Alvin Moore, Correspondent, and on the right Dick Hamlin, Chef de Gare.



Hundreds of years ago, in a country far across the sea, there were shepherds who lived on the hills, day and night, tending flocks of sheep.

Their faces were brown and tanned by the sun and wind, but they were strong men, brave and kind. They wore coarse clothes made of goat's hair and carried long crooks in their hands.

When the sun shone warm and bright, a shepherd would lead his sheep far away until they reached green fields and quiet streams, where they would graze and rest.

However, the shepherd could not sleep. He always had to keep a tender watch. So the shepherd, in his loneliness, was often exposed to great danger. There were robber hordes who came in the night to steal the sheep.

In those days people took little lambs to the Temple on holy days, to offer to God. The shepherds who raised the lambs were always good men. Their flocks were pastured together not far from the village of Bethlehem, in a place called Shepherd's Field. As the shepherds watched their flocks together, they meditated and talked together.

One cold winter night, a wonderful thing happened. A great light began to shine from the heavens. Brighter and brighter it beamed down upon the shepherds.

Startled by this heavenly vision, these men had only one thought: "The King has come!" they cried out. "The King for whom we have watched and waited!" Their hearts were filled with gladness. They went at once to Bethlehem—climbing the hills with eager haste. They reached the village, which was all in darkness. In the sky a lustrous star shone down with a silver light, directly upon an old stable.

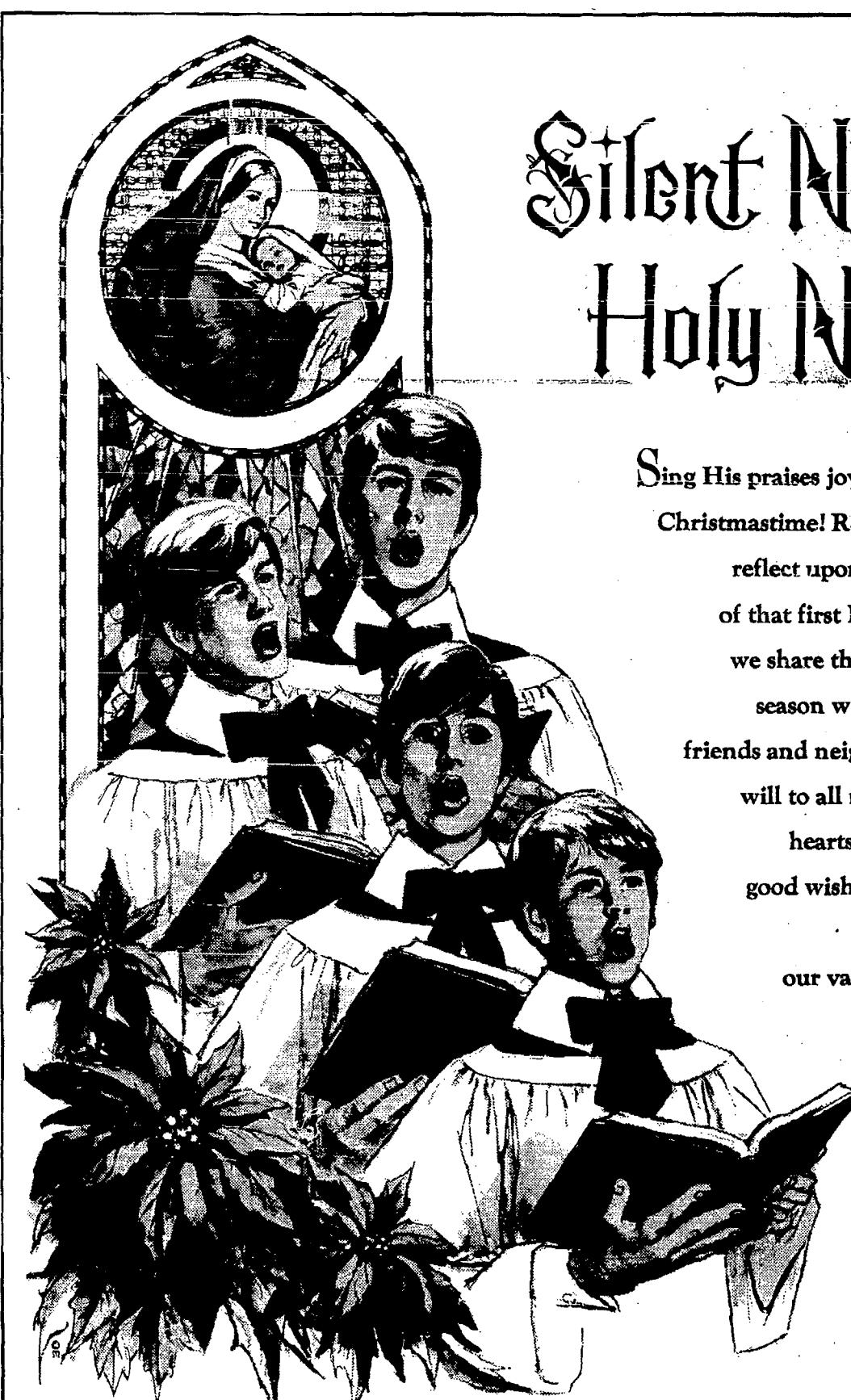
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It is, of course, the Christmas.

We are captured by the spirit of Christmas long before the holiday arrives. The commercial aspects, the bright streets, decorated windows and well-stocked store shelves—these are obvious witness to the fact that Christmas is soon coming. But, the real change is something that takes place within the heart and the spirit. It touches first the very young. It comes to the school scene. It reaches out to the older community. Some grasp it eagerly; a few, reluctantly. But even the most persistent die-hard eventually becomes captive to the mood, throws away a year-round frown, walks with a sprightly step and offers a merry greeting to all the world.

As the holiday grows nearer, the spirit of warmth and happiness, brings to each individual opportunity to share in the most magnificent moment of all time—the birth of Jesus Christ, the Redeemer. This is the essence, the origin of anticipation—the realization that God sent his only son unto the world.



Silent Night, Holy Night

Sing His praises joyfully for it is Christmastime! Reverently, we reflect upon the wonder of that first Holy night as we share the hope of the season with our many friends and neighbors. Good will to all men is in our hearts, with special good wishes and warm gratitude to our valued patrons.

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8:00 FRIDAY — 6:00 SATURDAY AND SUNDAY

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Market



SANTA AT LEGION — Santa and Mrs. Santa are shown above visiting with a portion of the children that were entertained by the American Legion Post 106 at the hall last Saturday, Dec. 19. Standing in back ground are Mrs. Eleanor Filley, Leo Lovely and Jack Rasmussen, who were among many legionnaires, auxiliary and junior auxiliary members who worked on the very successful annual Kiddies Christmas party. (Doug Morgan Photo)

District Court Action

Those appearing before Judge Francis Walsh in the 83rd District Court last week included Howard E. Meadowcroft, 41 of Grayling, who pleaded guilty to D.U.I.L., and paid fine and costs of \$143.

Also Wesley Argue, 22 of Frederic, pleaded guilty to driving while under suspension of driver's license, and paid fine and costs of \$83 and spent three days in jail.

Jeffrey Fowler, 17, of Grayling, charged with larceny on December 14th and arraigned December 18th, pleaded guilty. He will be sentenced January 5th.

William Sullings of Grayling failed to appear for trial on the charge of using a revoked credit card. Bond of \$200 was forfeited.

BOWLING LEAGUES

American - 1st Div.

1. Tarpon Ind.	37½
2. Grayling Merc.	36
3. Bear Archery	33½
4. Uncle Al	31
5. Clair's Standard	30
6. Jarmin Insurance	26
7. Post Oil Co.	26
8. Clark Super	21
High game: I. Davis, 238; E. Griffith, 238; D. LaMotte, 219.	
High series: R. Helsel, 589; L. Davis, 586; D. LaMotte, 585.	

American League - 2nd Div.

1. Union 76	41½
2. Millikin Const.	41
3. Bills Barber Shop	32
4. Grayling Distributing	30
5. Al & Jessie's	29
6. Gray-Lee Judo Club	28
7. John Super 100	23½
8. Parker Surveying	15
Ind. high series: S. Wakeley, 571; J. Latuszek, 548; J. Lindell, 529.	
Ind. high game: E. Kucharek, 243; J. Latuszek, 207; D. Tasson and S. Wakeley, 203.	

National League - 2nd Div.

1. Ray's Canoe	37½
2. K & K Boys	34
3. R & H Sports	31½
4. Legion Lanes	30
5. Caid's Grocery	26
6. Gen. Telephone	25
7. Sam's Auto Parts	24
8. AuSable Manistee	16
High Ind. series: Pete Mead, 613; Bruce Nielson, 519; Fred Schabily, 505.	
High Ind. game: Pete Mead, 238; Fred Schabily, 213; Pete Mead, 210.	

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BITS O' TALK

Mrs. Arthur Clough Sr. and son Kerry, and Mrs. Larry Switch Sr. and son Ernie were in Mt. Pleasant Saturday to attend the graduation of their sister, Mrs. LeRoy Akers. Mrs. Akers received her Master of Arts degree from C.M.U.

Mr. and Mrs. William J. Murphy of Royal Oak have purchased acreage on Shaw Road. Cornell Realty handled the sale.

Mr. and Mrs. Bruce B. Lankford of Dearborn Heights have purchased the Carlisle cabin on Horse Shoe Trail according to Cornell Realty.

The Wednesday evening Bunko held their meeting last Wednesday at the home of Bonnie Kucharek. It was also their Christmas party and gift exchange. Jan Harney held high score with Mary Houle having second high. Alice Galvani had low and the door prize was won by Helen Harwood.

Sears Catalog Merchant will be closed Saturday, December 28 and Monday, December 29. Bill LaGrow, Harvey Rowland, and Art Weideman, salesmen for Cornell Realty, attended a meeting of the Farmers Home Administration Rural Credit service at Houghton Lake on Tuesday of this week.

Verner Rasmussen of Lansing came up on Saturday, Dec. 19, to pick up his mother, Elsie Anderson, and take her back home with him to spend the Christmas holiday and stay for a couple of weeks visit.

Howard and Doug Wilson arrived home from Kalamazoo this past weekend to spend the holidays with their parents the Jack Wilson family. They expect to be home until around Jan. 13.

Dorothy Latuszek was expected home from Kalamazoo this past weekend to spend the holidays with her parents, the John Latuszezs. She planned on visiting her girlfriend in Flint before arriving here.

WISH I'D SAID THAT

Greet each dawn with a smile and your neighbors will wonder what you were doing up all night.—Harold S. May, The Florence (Ala.) Herald.

16 Crawford County Avalanche
Thursday, December 24, 1970

Christmas Greetings

We're sending our warm holiday wishes your way!



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Mr. & Mrs. Dale Hatt

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